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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/834,382

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EXAMINER:

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN
INDEPENDENT RETAILER
BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS
MARKET EXCHANGE

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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 CFR § 1.55

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

A claim to priority to PCT Application No. US01/10614, filed April 2, 2001 in the
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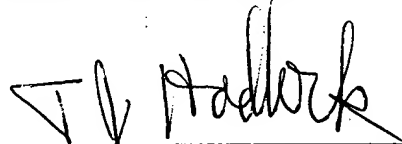
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Applicants claim priority from the PCT Patent Application No. US01/10614 in a Supplemental Oath and Declaration to be filed hereafter for U.S. Serial No. 09/834,382 as required under 35 CFR § 1.63 and permitted under 35 CFR § 1.67.

Applicants understand that there is no charge for filing the subject priority claim with the Patent Office; however, Applicants authorize the Patent Office to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1620, should the Patent Office determine a charge is due. Submission of a certified copy of the PCT Patent Application No. US01/10614 will follow separately.

If the Examiner desires to discuss this matter with the undersigned, the Examiner is most earnestly solicited to contact the undersigned at (925) 973-4532.

Respectfully submitted,

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